

I AM A FREE CITIZEN OF A FREE COUNTRY, BUT EVERY MORN-ING I AM AWAKENED BY AN ALARM CLOCK RINGING OUT THE FIRST RULE OF THE DAY-TO GET UP AT 5:30. AND FROM THEN ON, UNTIL I RETURN TO BED AT NIGHT, EVERY MOVEMENT I MAKE IS GUIDED OR INFLUENCED BY HUNDREDS OF LAWS, WRITTEN AND UNWRITTEN, BY RULES, ORDERS, COMMANDS, CODES, AND CONVENTIONS.

WHEN I DRIVE TO WORK, THE FACT THAT I AM A FEW MINUTES LATE CAN EASILY CAUSE ME TO BREAK A DOZEN TRAFFIC LAWS SO THAT I WILL NOT VIOLATE A ROLE OF MY EMPLOYER THAT SAYS ! MUST PUNCH THE TIME CLOCK BE-FORE SEVEN. ON THE BACK OF MY TIME CARD IS PRINTED A SET OF GENERAL RULES TO WHICH ALL EM-PLOYEES OF THE COMPANY ARE SUBJECT. BESIDE THE DOOR TO MY DEPARTMENT IS A BULLETIN BOARD COVERED WITH SPECIAL RULES THAT APPLY TO OUR PAR-TICULAR DIVISION OF THE COM-PANY, AND BEFORE I RELIEVE THE OPERATOR ON DUTY I AM SUPPOSED

TO CONSULT AN INSTRUCTION BOOK FOR LAST-MINUTE ORDERS OF TEM-PORARY RULES.

ALL OF THESE REGULATIONS ARE THE PRODUCTS OF HUMAN AND NATURALLY SOME OF THEM ARE UNNECESSARY AND CON-BEING HUMAN -- AND FUSING. THEREFORE SUBJECT TO WEAK-NESSES. AND TO STUBBORN TEN-DENCIES TO REVOLT AT DEING FORCED TO DO SOMETHING-NATURAL FOR ME TO FEEL FIRST THOUGHT THAT I AM BEING SUFFOCATED BY REGULATION AND THAT ANY ORIGINALITY AND IMAG-INATION THAT | POSSESS IS BEING STIFLED BY RED TAPE.

YET, I MAKE A SINCERE EFFORT TO OBEY EVERY RULE AND
LAW THAT APPLIES TO MY WORK,
PLAY, OR CONTACT WITH OTHER
PEOPLE. I TRY TO RESPECT THE
ONES THAT ARE IMPORTANT AS
WELL AS THOSE THAT ARE UNIMPORTANT, THOSE THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY ALONG WITH
THE ONES THAT SEEM TO ME FRIVOLOUS AND PETTY.

WHY? NOT, AS SOME MIGHT SAY, BECAUSE I LACK THE IMAGINATION AND THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE TO WHICH MANY MODERNS ATTRIBUTE THEIR INFRACTIONS OF THE RULES.

-RATHER, IT IS BECAUSE I HAVE A VIVID IMAGINATION THAT I FIND IT EASY TO OBEY THE RULES.

IT IS IMAGINATION THAT FOR-CES ME TO STOP AT A RED LIGHT WHEN I KNOW THAT NO OTHER CAR OR COP IS NEAR. IT IS IMAG-INATION THAT CAUSES ME TO RE-ALIZE THAT WHEN I RESPECT THE AUTHORITY OF THE CORNER PO-LICEMAN I AM STRENGTHENING THE FORCE THAT GUARDS MY HOME WHEN I AM AWAY OR ASLEEP, THAT PRO-TECTS MY BOY WHEN HE CROSSES THE STREET. WHEN I OBEY THE RULES THAT GOVERN MY JOB, IS NOT A CASE OF A MAN IN OV-ERALLS BENDING TO THE WILL OF A COLLAR-AND-TIE BOSS: IT IS A CASE OF TWO MEN WORKING TO-GETHER. DOING THE THINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE POSSIBLE NEXT FRIDAY'S PAYDAY.

IT IS EASY TO THINK, WHEN I

MINUTES SPENT IN MAKING YOUR JOB SAFE .

MAY ADD YEARS TO YOUR LIFE.

AM IN A GREAT HURRY, THAT TAK-ING A SHORT CUT OR NEGLECTING TO USE A SAFETY DEVICE IS NOT SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE RULES. IMAGINATION KEEPS ME FROM DOING THIS. IF TOMORROW, TVERY ONE OF MY FELLOW WORKERS TERE TO GIVE WAY TO THIS TAKE--CHANCE URGE JUST ONCE. BE-FORE THE END OF THE DAY ONE OF JS WOULD LOSE A FINGER. AN ARM, A LEG, AN EYE- -OR POSSIBLY A -IFE. SOME WOMAN IN OUR VILL-GE WOULD BECOME A WIDOW. AND SOME INNOCENT CHILD WOULD SUD-DENLY FACE A BLEAK FUTURE. THE TAKE-A-CHANCE -URGE ASSURES ME, OF COURSE. THAT SUCH A THING COULD NOT HAPPEN TO ME: BUT IMAGINATION REVEALS THAT THE WIDOW MIGHT BE MY WIFE. THE CHILD-MY-YOUNGSTER.

SO, MY CONSTANT AIM IS TO DBEY ALL RULES. I OBEY THOSE OF MY EMPLOYER EECAUSE I REALIZE THAT RULES ARE A NECESSARY PART OF ANY BUSINESS. I OBEY THOSE OF MY TOWN, STATE, AND NATION BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THESE LAWS, THOUGH THEY MAY NOT BE PERFECT, REPRESENT MAN'S HONEST ATTEMPTS TO USE THE ACCUMULATED EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM OF THE PAST IN CHARTING A COURSE FOR THE PRESENT AND FUTURE.

IMAGINATION REVEALS THE PROFIT TO ME IN EVERY GOOD RULE THAT | OFEY. AND EVEN WHEN | AM CONFORMING TO THE AWS WHICH | THINK ARE USELESS OR HARMFUL, | AM COMPENSATED BY THE REALIZATION THAT | HAVE COUNCILMAN, A MAYOR, A STATE REPRESENTATIVE, A GOVERNOR,

A CONGRESSMAN, A SENATOR, AND A PRESIDENT TO WHOM I CAN PROTEST, AND TO WHOM MY VOTE IS IMPORTANT.

WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT I CAN-NOT WALK A BLOCK FROM MY HOME FREE OF ANY RULE. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT I CANNOT SIT DOWN TO EAT WITHOUT PROFITING BY RULES. A FARMER, A LABORER IN A MEAT-PACKING PLANT AND A CLERK IN THE CORNER GROCERY STORE ALL MUST OBEY RULES -- RULES THAT ARE ENFORCED TO ASSURE ME OF THE PURITY AND QUALITY OF MY BREAKFAST BACON. AN INSURANCE COMPANY OBEYS RULES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO PROTECT MY HOME AND THE SECURITY OF MY DEPEND-ENTS. A WORKER IN AN AUTO-MOBILE PLANT AND A TIRE MANU-FACTURER CREY RULES THAT CON-TRIBUTE TO THE SAFETY OF MY WIFE AND BOY WHEN WE'PE GOING AROUND THE SHARP CURVE ON THE ROAD TO GRANDMA'S.

OBEYING THE RULES IS MY METHOD OF PAYING FOR THE PROTECTION, THE JOY AND PEACE THAT I GET OUT OF THE RULES TO WHICH OTHERS ARE SUBJECT. BY OBEYING THE RULES, BY SEEKING TO IMPROVE THOSE THAT NEED AMENDING AND BY HELPING TO REPEAL THOSE THAT ARE HARMFUL OR ODSCIETE, I AM WORKING TO MAKE STRONG THE FENCE THAT PROTECTS MY FREEDOM FROM BRUTE FORCE, INSURRECTION, DISEASE AND DECAY.

IN QUIETLY COMPLYING WITH
THE RULES, I MAY NEVER ATTRACT
THE HEADLINE'S AND "SPOTLIGHTS
THAT FOLLOW THE WRONG-WAY GUYS

WHO ARE "TOO ADVENTUROUS AND IMAGINATIVE" TO ABIDE BY INSTRUCTIONS. YET, IN CROSSING
THE STREET ON THE GREEN LIGHT,
IN PUNCHING MY TIME CARD, IN
PLAYING A GAME OF CHESS, OR IN
LIVING THE GAME OF LIFE-OPEYING THE RULES WITH IMAGINATION
IS GLORY ENOUGH FOR ME!

(FROM THIS WEEK MAGAZINE)

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THEY CALLED IT ZERO

FOR A LONG TIME NOBODY
THOUGHT THERE WAS ANYTHING
LIKE NOTHING. EVEN NOTHING
MUST BE SOMETHING, BECAUSE THE
VERY ASSENCE OF EVERY THING
JUST WASN'T IMAGINABLE.

THEN ONE DAY THE MATHEMATI-CIANS DISCOVERED A NAME FOR NOTHING. THEY CALLED IT "ZERO" AND IT WAS THE MOST REVOLUT-IONARY DISCOVERY IN MATHE-MATICS!

FOR A LONG TIME NOBODY THOUGHT THERE WAS ANY SUCH THING AS A PERFECT SAFETY RECORD. IT WAS TAKEN FOR GRANTED THAT MEN AND WOMEN ARE NATURALLY CLUMSY AND CARELESS AND SIMPLY BOUND TO GET JAMMED UP NOW AND THEN IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

THEN ONE DAY THE FIRST SAFETY MEN ARGUED THAT IT WAS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE FOR A MAN TO
WORK A LIFETIME WITHOUT SUFFERING AN ACCIDENT, AND THAT
WHOLE FACTORIES COULD WORK
WEEKS, MONTHS, AND EVEN YEARS
WITHOUT A SINGLE LOST-TIME ACCIDENT:

. IT'S BETTER TO PAY ATTENTION THAN DOCTOR BILLS. .

TODAY MANY INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES ARE ROUNDING OUT ENTIRE LIFETIMES WITH 30,40, AND
50 YEARS OF STEADY EMPLOYMENT
WITHOUT A SINGLE ACCIDENT.
DOZENS OF PLANTS HAVE SET RECORDS OF MILLIONS OF MAN-HOWRS
WITHOUT A SINGLE LOST-TIME ACCIDENT.

"HY SHOULDN'T WE HAVE MORE SUCH PERFECT SAFETY RECORDS?

HE KNOW THAT THINGS WITH SHARP OR JAGGED EDGES WILL CUT. WE KNOW HOW TO AVOID THOSE CUTS.

WE KNOW THAT EXCESSIVE PULLING, PUSHING OR LIFTING WILL CAUSE STRAINS AND HERNIA. WE KNOW HOW TO AVOID SUCH EXCESSES.

WE KNOW THAT ELECTRIC! TY CAN BURN OR ELECTROCUTE. WE KNOW HOW TO AVOID THOSE BURNS OR ELECTROCUTIONS.

WE KNOW THAT MOVING MACHIN-ERY CAN DELIVER A KNOCKOUT BLOW OR PULL ANYTHING INTO IT LIKE A MEAN GRINDER. WE KNOW HOW TO AVOID THE DANGERS OF MOVING MACHINERY.

AND SO IT GOES WITH EVERY OTHER ACCIDENT CAUSE IN THE BOOD. WE KNOW WHAT CAUSES EVERY TYPE OF ACCIDENT AND WE KNOW HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD.

BOILED DOWN, SAFETY IS JUST AS SIMPLE AS THAT. BUT MORE AND BETTER PERFECT SAFETY RECORDS APPARENTLY WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL WE CAN CONVINCE THE LAST MAN AMONG US THAT THERE IS NO TRICK TO SAFETY — JUST COMMON SENSE.

(FROM THE SAFE WORKER)

## WAREHOUSE ACCIDENT

WATCH OUT FOR BROKEN GLASS AS YOU WOULD FOR SAFOTAGE. A WORKER IN AN FSA WAREHOUSE SUFFERED A SEVERELY CUT THUMB AND WRIST. WHEN HE TRIED TO KEEP A PLATE-GLASS DOOR FROM SLAMMING ONE DAY WHEN THE WIND WAS EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG. THE GASH IN HIS THUME REQUIRED TEN STITCHES. INVESTIGATION OF THE ACCIDENT REVEALED THAT THE DOOR HAD BEEN BROKEN FOR SOME TIME AND THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BUT HAD TAKEN NO STEPS TO REPLACE AFTER THE ACCIDENT. THE GLASS WAS REMOVED IMMEDIATELY AND THE DOOR TAKEN FROM ITS HINGES AND STORED. THE OWNER REPAIRED ALL OTHER EROKEN PANES IN THE BUILDING. THE EM-PLOYEE WAS ABSOLVED OF ANY BLAME .

# THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME -FOR ACCIDENTS

APPROXIMATELY 33,000 MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN LOST THEIR LIVES IN HOME ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR - MORE FATALITIES FROM THIS CAUSE THAN WERE RECORDED IN 10 OF THE 12 PRECEDING YEARS. IN ADDITION, APPROXI-MATELY 4,850,000 PERSONS SUF-FERED NON-FATAL INJURIES IN HOME ACCIDENTS. WHILE FALLS ACCOUNTED FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF INJURIES AND DEATHS, BURNS, SCALDS, POISONS, FIRE-ARMS. AND MANY OTHER HAZARDS ALL TOOK THEIR TOLL. AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED CAN HAPPEN AGAIN .-

(FROM HOME SAFETY
MAGAZINE.)

## ARE YOU SURE OF YOUR SPEED?

TRAFFIC ENGINEERS HAVE
FOUND THE SPEED OF DRIVERS ENTERING CITIES AND TOWNS TO EE
SEVERAL MILES AN HOUR FASTER
THAN THE SPEED OF DRIVERS
LEAVING ON THE SAME ROADS.

MOTORISTS WHO ENTER A COMMUNITY AFTER DRIVING ALONG AN
OPEN HIGHWAY AT SPEEDS OF 45
TO 50 MILES AN HOUR WILL USUALLY SLOW DOWN TO SPEEDS OF 35
TO 40 MILES AN HOUR. WITHOUT
LOOKING AT THE SPEEDOMETER,
THEY PROCEED IN THE EELIEF
THEY ARE DRIVING SAFELY AND
WITHIN THE LEGAL SPEED LIMIT
BECAUSE OF THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THEIR REDUCED SPEED AND
THAT TO WHICH THEY HAD BECOME
ACCUSTOMED.

THIS DELAYED ADJUSTMENT TO SPEEDS APPROPRIATE FOR THE CONDITIONS HAS CAUSED MANY SERIOUS ACCIDENTS ON MAJOR STREETS ENTERING CITIES AND TOWNS.

EXPERT DRIVERS WATCH FOR SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AND MAKE SURE EY REPEATED GLANCES AT THE SPEEDOMETER THAT THEY HAVE SLOWED DOWN TO LEGAL AND SAFE SPEEDS.

ARE YOU ALWAYS SURE OF YOUR SPEED? CHECK YOURSELF OCCAS—IONALLY BY GUESSING YOUR SPEED BEFORE LOOKING AT THE SPEEDO—METER. MANY TIMES YOUR ERROR WILL SURPRISE YOU. DON'T DE—PEND ON YOUR OWN JUDGMENT ALL THE TIME. MAKE SURE OF YOUR SPEED AND MAKE SURE YOUR SPEED IS SAFE. (FROM FLEET FLASHES)

DRIVE SANELY - SIGNAL PLAINLY

#### SUPERVISOR'S CAR UPSETS

QUICK ACTION OF CAR BRAKES
ON A GRAVEL ROAD IS ONE WAY TO
TURN OVER THE CAR. A COUNTY
SUPERVISOR IN A MIDWESTERN REGION STOPPED HIS CAR IN A
HURRY TO AVOID HITTING SOME
CHICKENS ON A LOOSE-GRAVEL
RCAD. THE CAR SWERVED AND UPSET. COST FOR REPAIR ON FENDERS, BODY, DOORS AND WINDOWS:
\$85.

#### WHAT PRICE PROGRESS

WE PAY A PRICE FOR PROGRESS.

FOR INSTANCE, THE PEDES-TRIAN CAVEMAN WAS NEVER KICKED TO DEATH BY A HORSE.

BUT WHEN HE DOMESTICATED
THE HORSE AND CLIMBED ABOARD
THE HURRICANE DECK OF A PITCH—
ING BRONCO, HE MULTIPLIED HIS
CHANCES OF BEING INJURED.

WHEN GRANDPA BOUGHT THAT STINKING GASOLINE BUGGY BACK IN 1908, GRANDMA BOUGHT WIDOW'S WEEDS AND BEGAN WONDERING HOW SHE'D LOOK IN BLACK.

AND WHEN FATHER FIRST WENT UP IN A PLANE, THE INSURANCE SALESMEN SHUDDERED, PUT UP THEIR POLICIES AND CALLED IT A DAY.

WHO WAS IT THAT WALKED SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE CAVEMAN? OLD MAN CARELESSNESS. WHO WAS IT THAT RODE DOUBLE WITH HIM ON THE FIRST HORSE? ONLY CONSIDERABLY LARGER?
OLD MAN CARELESSNESS.

WHO WAS IT THAT THUMBED GRANDPA FOR THE FIRST AUTO RIDE?

A GREATLY ENLARGED OLD MAN CARELESSNESS.

WHO WAS IN THE AFTER COCK-PIT WHEN DAD FLEW THE FIRST PLANE?

A GIGANTIC OLD MAN CARE-LESSNESS.

WHILE APPARENTLY WE HAVE PROGRESSED FAR IN METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION, WE STILL HUG OLD MAN CARELESSNESS TO OUR BOSOM AND HE GROWS AND GROWS. HE IS OUR INSISTENT ALTER EGO. LIKE THE POOR, HE IS WITH US ALWAYS.

IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT WE RID OURSELVES OF THIS INSIST-ENT PEST, THIS DESPOILER OF HOMES, THIS MULTIPLIER OF GRAVEYARDS.

YOU CAN DO YOUR PART. YOU

CAN, BY YOUR EVERY ACT, CONTRIBUTE TO THE SAFETY MOVEMENT.

YOU MAY NOT ACCEPT THE IDEA
THAT YOU ARE IN A MEASURE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE SAFETY OF
OTHERS, BUT CERTAINLY EVEN THE
MOST STUPIONOF US REALIZE THAT
OUR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY LARGELY IS DETERMINED BY OUR OWN
PERSONAL ACTS.

AFTER ALL, LIFE IS SO SHORT AND DEATH IS SO PERMANENT THAT WE CAN AFFORD TO GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO HOW TO MAKE THIS A SAFER WORLD.

(FROM YE SAFTIE CRIER)

#### OFFICE HAZARD

THE CHAIR THAT COLLAPSES BENEATH YOU, HAS NO PLACE EXCEPT
IN THE COMIC STRIPS. DISCARD
OR REPAIR ANY CHAIRS THAT SEEM
UNRELIABLE. ONE COUNTY F S A
OFFICE HAD A FOLDING CHAIR
WHICH HAD BECOME UNLOCKED BY
MOVING. A SUPERVISOR SAT DOWN,
FELL BACKWARD, AND HIT HER
HEAD ON A SHARP WINDOW SILL.
SHE WAS SEVERELY ILL FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

# SAFETY'S PART IN THE WAR

"CERTAINLY SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AND FLYERS MUST MEET THE ENEMY WITH NO THOUGHT OF PERSONAL SAFETY. BUT THOSE WHO FALL IN BATTLE DIE FOR A FRINCIPLE, WHILE THOSE STRUCK DOWN BY ACCIDENTS DIE IN VAIN.

"FURTHERMORE, REMEMBER THIS
- THE MILITARY COMMANDER WHO
SENDS HIS MEN INTO THE FIELD
:WITHOUT TAKING EVERY POSSIBLE
PRECAUTION FOR THEIR SAFETY IS
A POOR COMMANDER. DARING AND
BRAVERY FOR A PURPOSE IS ONE
THING; CARELESSNESS AND CHANCE
TAKING WITHOUT A PURPOSE IS
ANOTHER."

(FROM PUBLIC SAFETY MAGAZINE)

. ACCIDENT PREMENTION IS A SLAT FOR THE MAN.